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I am a windows developer and I would like to submit this letter of disapproval to the suggested remedy. During the web browser wars I saw for myself just how ruthless Microsoft's monopoly power was applied. Microsoft needed to win the browser wars so they forced us to install Internet Explorer on almost every computer we deployed a application to. They used us the developer by unnecessarily linking IE into any development code they possibly could, they also put key developer libraries into the IE distribution. If we tried to deploy any application that we had built with Microsoft tools it required us in some way to install Internet Explorer.

Microsoft in the proposed judgment is not being punished in the least for it's predatory behavior against Netscape corporation. The court must do the right thing for the people and impose stricter penalties. Please do the right thing for us the people by not accepting the proposed judgment.

All business's today are in a perpetual strangle hold by Microsoft and there are no good alternative solutions. The alternative solutions do not exist because the barrier to entry is to high. Competition will never be restored in the market place unless severe restrictive penalties are imposed on Microsoft.

The economy today is in a horrible state, and I personally believe this is due to Microsoft's dominance of the software market. We are now in a situation where one monopoly company automatically consumes most of customer budgets. Restoring competition in the market place will create incredible growth and with this comes new jobs.

As I type this letter I am on a broadband based satellite connect provided by a company partly owned by Microsoft. The company will of course support no other operating systems besides windows. It is my desire not to run Windows and or Internet Explorer please help me to have the ability to choose the environment that I run not be forced into it by a monopoly.

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